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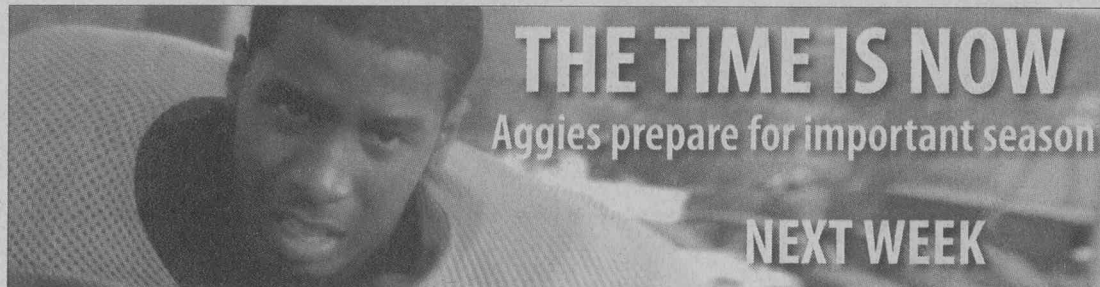
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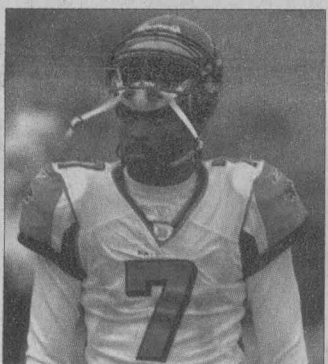
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Bush working on North American relations

MONTEBELLO, Quebec — President Bush, tending to relations with two border nations, sought to give a boost Monday to his partnerships with the like-minded leaders of Canada and Mexico.

Bush arrived in Ottawa at midday ahead of his short helicopter ride to Montebello for a two-day summit with Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Mexican President Felipe Calderon.

It is the third of its kind during his presidency, and each one has been meant to bolster an evolving compact, dubbed the

Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America, that serves as a way for the nations to team up on health, security and commerce.

Yet for Bush, the event also allows him to show he does not take his neighbors for granted; they are both vital trading partners and energy providers for the U.S.

"The message for Canada and Mexico is that despite the ongoing emphasis on Iraq and terrorism in U.S. foreign policy the U.S. is investing time and attention on relationships with our own region," said Chris Sands,

a scholar of North American studies and senior associate at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

As the summit approached, Calderon was considering cutting his trip short to return to Mexico, where Hurricane Dean was poised to slam into the coastline. Calderon will make a decision about his plans once the hurricane draws closer to Mexico, his press office said.

As of midday, though, no change in schedule was anticipated. White House spokesman Gordon Johndroe, talking to reporters aboard Air Force One

en route to Canada, said, "Obviously, we're staying in touch with them and would understand certainly if he needed to cut his visit to Canada short to return to Mexico to deal with problems there."

The partnership of the countries is a framework for working out problems, not a deal that was ever intended to produce dramatic announcements. None are expected at the summit.

Personally, Bush shares plenty of views with Harper and Calderon, two fellow conservatives and free-market advocates who have come into power dur-

ing his second term.

It's not all cheery. The summit is drawing protests from critics of Canada's troop presence in Afghanistan and of the partnership among the three countries. Some Canadians see it as an insidious threat to their sovereignty, led by the United States.

Police were out in force Sunday in Ottawa, where protests began even before Bush was to arrive Monday from his ranch in Crawford, Texas. The summit itself will take place about

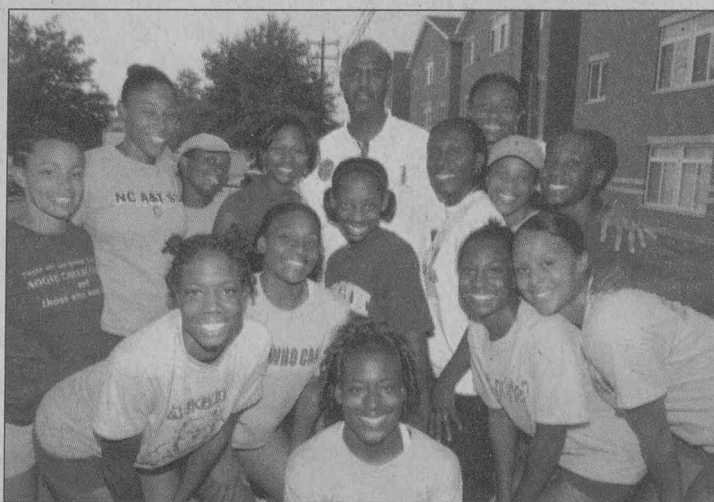
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Chancellor Stanley Battle poses in front of billboard to welcome him to Greensboro and the Aggie family. Battle began his tenure as A&T's eleventh chancellor/president on July 1st.

Battle era begins



Heavy thunderstorms cause flooding in the Midwest

By **BEN FELLER**
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

GAYS MILLS, Wis. — Relentless thunderstorms pounded parts of the Midwest and the Plains on Monday, causing mudslides, washing out bridges and flooding towns. At least 12 people have died since the weekend.

Remnants of Tropical Storm Erin dumped heavy rain in southwest Missouri Monday, leaving one town temporarily cut off. Over the weekend

in Oklahoma, the same system swamped buildings, led to dozens of water rescues and left six dead. Storms brought wind gusts up to 82 mph and golf-ball sized hail to Lincoln, Neb., on Monday evening.

In southwestern Wisconsin on Monday, emergency workers braced for more rain and flooding. A storm system over the weekend left six dead in southeastern Minnesota; one man was still missing Monday. Heavy rains also caused flood-

ing, road closures and sewage treatment systems to overflow in Iowa, authorities said.

Two days of thunderstorms turned the countryside into swamps, drowned crops, eroded bluffs and strained dams.

Touring the devastation, Gov. Jim Doyle's entourage made its way into Gays Mills, a burg of about 640 people on the Kickapoo River. The river crested at 17 feet, 5 feet above flood stage, and left the downtown in waist-deep, peanut butter-colored wa-

ter.

Mason Evans Jr. told Doyle he lost everything but the galoshes, sweatpants and sweatshirt he was wearing. Evans said there was 8 feet of water in his house and he'd lost his camper, motorcycle, gold ring and wallet.

"It broke me," Evans said of the flood. "You don't know what to do."

In Missouri, some of the worst damage was in Pleasant Hope, a town of 700 residents

near Springfield. Dozens of homes were damaged or destroyed, emergency management director Rick Davis said. Some parts of the town got 15 inches of rain in a four-hour period.

For a time, all roads into the town were cut off.

"We've never had this kind of water," Davis said. "It's just a mess."

The heavy rain was a remnant of Tropical Storm Erin, said meteorologist Doug Cramer of the

National Weather Service office in Springfield. The precipitation was moving east and was expected to begin losing steam, Cramer said.

In Oklahoma, Leroy and Bernice Krittenbrink were among those rescued from the water. Their truck was carried by flood waters for 90 minutes before a state police helicopter rescued them.

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University hit with discrimination suit

GREENSBORO — A federal lawsuit contends that North Carolina A&T State University sexually discriminated against two women who formerly worked as campus police dispatchers.

The lawsuit was filed Tues-

day by the U.S. Justice Department in U.S. District Court in Greensboro on behalf of Tasha Murray and Mattie Smith.

The lawsuit accused the university of failing to take action after the women complained

that a male supervisor sexually harassed them.

Court documents said Murray filed a discrimination complaint in September 2005 with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and

Smith filed a complaint in January 2006.

The university wouldn't comment on the pending litigation, spokeswoman Mable S. Scott said.

FLOODING

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Bernice Krittenbrink, 66, and her 72-year-old husband had to hold on to the skid of the helicopter, but she lost her grip and fell back into the shallow water. The helicopter crew rescued her a second time and brought her to safety.

Bernice Krittenbrink said she and her husband "were just sore and all" but otherwise OK.

While residents began to clean up from the weekend flooding that killed at least six people in Minnesota, a dive team and a National Guard helicopter searched unsuccessfully a second day for Jered Lorenz, 37. His overturned car was lodged in the rocks along a creek near Lewiston.

Officials said it appeared Lorenz was crossing a bridge over a creek and was swept away, eventually settling along the creek more than 100 feet downstream. They said the victim is believed to have been wearing camouflage clothing, making the search more difficult.

The search is expected to resume Tuesday.

In northeast Ohio, heavy rain caused Wolf Creek to overflow its banks, flooding streets and buildings.

The ground floor of a housing complex for senior citizens was flooded, and about 70 residents were evacuated.

In all, about 200 people in the Akron suburb were evacuated due to high water, and most went to stay with friends or relatives, Barberton police Chief Mike Kallai said. No injuries were reported.

A&T scientist develops allergen-free peanut

GREENSBORO — An agricultural researcher at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University has developed a simple process to make allergen-free peanuts.

The new process — a first for food science — could provide relief to millions of peanut allergy sufferers, and be an enormous boon to the entire peanut industry.

Doug Speight of the N.C. A&T Office of Outreach and Technology Transfer said food companies are showing a strong interest in licensing the process, which does not degrade the taste or quality of treated peanuts, and might even render them easier to process for use as a food ingredient.

Immunoassays showed 100 percent inactivation of peanut allergens in whole roasted kernels, and the processed peanuts showed no reaction in tests on human serums from severely allergic individuals.

The inventor, Dr. Mohamed Ahmedna, is optimizing the process further to remove allergens from other foods.

"We are extremely pleased

that we were able to find such a simple solution to a vexing problem that has enormous economic and public health ramifications, both for peanut sensitive individuals, and the food industry as a whole," said Ahmedna, associate professor of food science in N.C. A&T's School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences.

Peanut and tree nut allergies are the most severe of all food allergies, affecting approximately 3 million Americans, and causing 100 – 150 deaths from anaphylactic shock annually and many more hospitalizations. In industrialized nations, the allergy has been rapidly increasing in children, for causes that are not entirely understood.

One study showed that between 1997 and 2002, peanut allergies in children doubled in the United States. Today, an estimated one percent of all children suffer from the allergy.

Life can be stressful for families with peanut sensitive children, who must take extraordinary precautions to prevent contact with even small traces of peanuts or peanut dust.

Tracking, record-keeping and labeling for peanuts is costly for industry, while schools and other institutions that serve the public have limited their use due to concerns about public health and liability.

Ahmedna's work on peanuts has been funded through a United States Agency for International Development grant.

During the course of the project, he has developed many other value-added products and processes for the benefit of the peanut industry worldwide, including a process to remove a common mold toxin from peanuts, a low-fat, high protein meat substitute, an infant formula, and antioxidants from red peanut skins.

The allergy-free peanut is the first in a portfolio of peanut innovations to be available for commercialization from N.C. A&T. Ahmedna's process is expected to add value to a crop that is already economically and nutritionally important.

Peanuts are the 12th largest crop in the United States, with a farm value of close to \$1 billion a year. The Southeast is the

main peanut producing region in the nation.

Worldwide, the legume is even more important from an economic development standpoint. In developing nations, and Africa in particular, the soils and climate are especially suitable for peanuts.

Peanuts are not only important commercially, but nutritionally as well. Packed with proteins, healthy fats and a broad array of essential vitamins and minerals, they are considered an almost complete food.

Their rich flavor, nutrition, fat and protein profile makes for a nearly perfect food from a food processing standpoint as well.

From his lab at Tuskegee University in the early 1900s, the famed agricultural chemist George Washington Carver discovered approximately 300 food and non-food products from the legume.

But despite their versatility, the allergy issue has caused the peanut to be viewed increasingly with caution. That might change, thanks to Ahmedna's work at NC A&T.

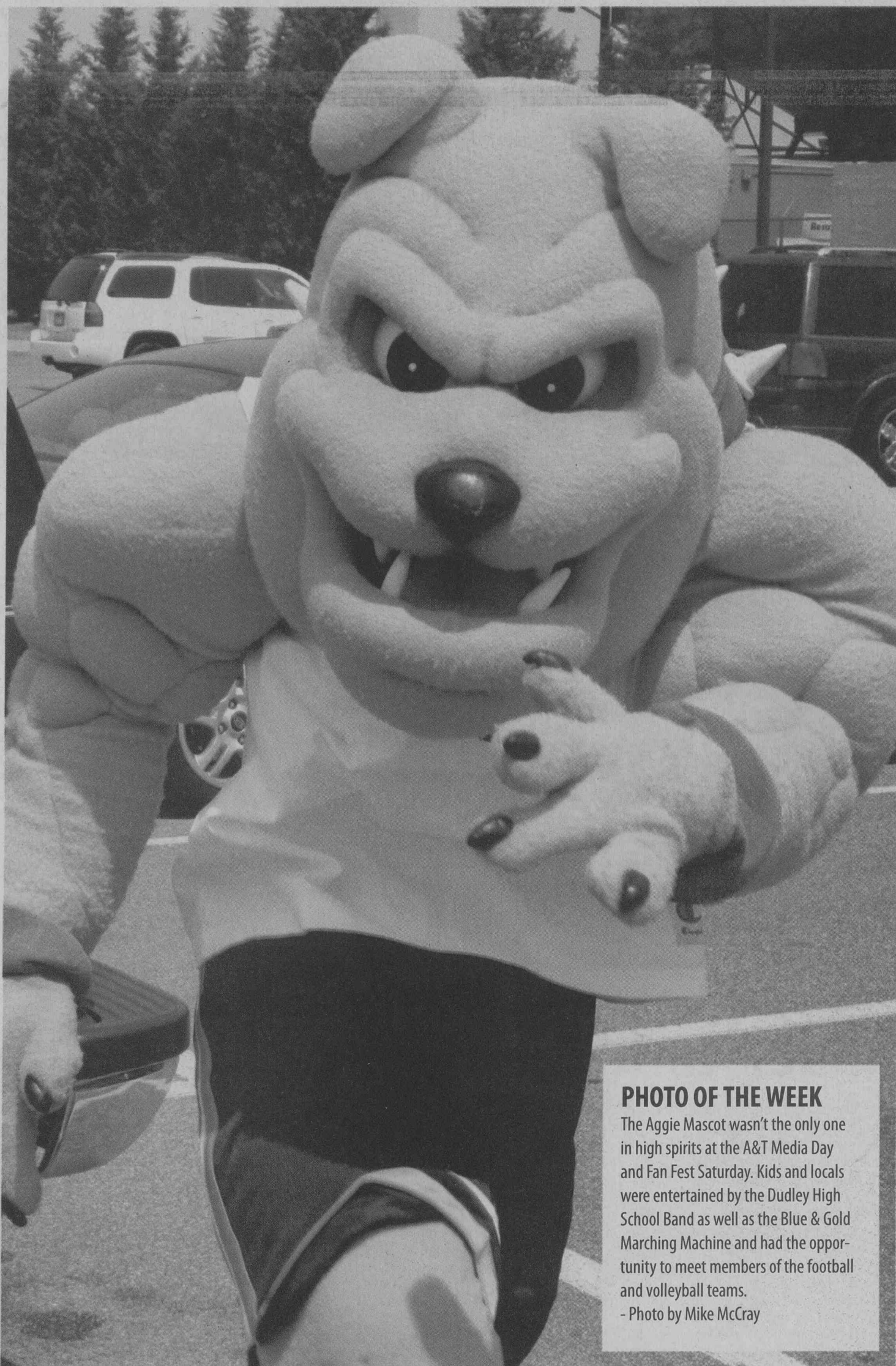


PHOTO OF THE WEEK

The Aggie Mascot wasn't the only one in high spirits at the A&T Media Day and Fan Fest Saturday. Kids and locals were entertained by the Dudley High School Band as well as the Blue & Gold Marching Machine and had the opportunity to meet members of the football and volleyball teams.

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HURRICANE DEAN ripped through Kingston, Jamaica over the weekend. Many residents refused to evacuate the island as the storm neared landfall.

Hurricane Dean decimates Jamaica

By HOWARD CAMPBELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

KINGSTON, Jamaica — Hurricane Dean pummeled Jamaica on Sunday with gusting winds and torrential rains that blew the roofs off homes, caused landslides and flooded roads.

The prime minister made a last-minute plea for residents to abandon their homes and head for shelter. But many residents ignored the call, while tourists holed up in resorts with hurricane-proof walls.

Dean, which had already killed eight people on its destructive march across the Caribbean, triggered evacuation calls from the Cayman Islands to Texas, and forced the Space Shuttle to cut short its mission. Cruise ships changed course to avoid the storm, but some tourists in Jamaica could not get away before the island closed its airports late Saturday.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami said the first hurricane of the Atlantic season was projected to reach the most dangerous classification, a Category 5 storm, with sustained winds of 160 mph before plowing into Mexico's Yucatan peninsula on Tuesday. The Mexican mainland or Texas could be hit later.

"The all-clear has not been given as yet," Omar Afflick, Jamaica's acting senior director for preparedness and emergency operations, told The Associated Press on Sunday night. "Dean is still affecting the island with hurricane-strength conditions."

He said the storm triggered landslides and caused tremendous damage to roads and houses.

Forecasters had predicted Dean would hit the Cayman Islands head-on, but on Sunday night revised that and said it would instead likely pass to the south. Still, the islands could get up to 12 inches of rain and tropical-storm strength winds Monday, said meteorologist Rebecca Waddington of the hurricane center.

Hurricane-force winds began lashing Jamaica on Sunday afternoon, Waddington said. But the island avoided a direct hit when Dean's eye wound up passing just to the south Sunday night.

The government set up more than 1,000 shelters in converted schools, churches and the indoor national sports arena. Authorities urged people to take

cover from the storm, which had maximum sustained winds of 150 mph and was expected to dump up to 20 inches of rain on the island.

But only 47 shelters were occupied as the storm began hitting, said Cecil Bailey of the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management.

"For the last time, I'm asking you to leave or you will be in danger," Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller urged residents earlier as the storm loomed off shore.

As of 2 a.m. Monday, Dean was about 150 miles southeast of Grand Cayman and was traveling west at 20 mph, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said.

George Lee, mayor of the Portmore community near the capital Kingston, said appeals to evacuate had gone unheeded. Some islanders said they were afraid for their belongings if they moved to shelters.

"Too much crime in Kingston. I'm not leaving my home," Paul Lyn said in Port Royal, east of Kingston.

Assistant Commissioner of Police Linval Bailey said police were sent to commercial districts to prevent looting and curfews were imposed until Monday evening. Police got into a shootout with looters at a shopping center in the central Jamaica parish of Clarendon, but no one was hurt, Constable Cheree Greaves said.

Authorities also cut power on the island to prevent damage to the electrical infrastructure.

Maj. Richard Reese, a corrections department official, said the roof of a prison block was partially torn off and some inmates had to be moved. None escaped.

Many tourists who did not get flights out took shelter at places like Sandals Whitehouse, a resort that has buildings capable of withstanding a powerful storm.

Trinice Tyler, a postal worker from Lake Elsinore, Calif., said she would weather the storm there "on my knees praying."

"I'm celebrating my 40th birthday today, and it's going to be a birthday to remember," she said. "I have mixed emotions. It's exciting, but I'm nervous. Am I going to make it home?"

Earlier in the day, fishermen hauled their skiffs inland and cruise ships changed their course to avoid the storm. Local media reported that 17 fishermen were stranded on the Middle Keys,



PHOTO BY CARL JUSTE - MIAMI HERALD/MCT

HURRICANE DEAN reached Category 4 over Jamaica but has increased to a Category 5 storm once it struck Mexico late Monday night.

small islands about 90 miles south of Jamaica. The Jamaica Defense Force advised them to break the padlocks off a building to seek shelter, Nationwide News Network reported.

In Galveston, Texas, residents remembered the 2005 Hurricane Rita evacuation when motorists from the coast ran into residents fleeing Houston, clogging evacuation routes for miles. Officials say they've worked out the kinks in the system, but many Galveston residents were skeptical.

"I've talked to a lot of people about this," said Chuck Lee, a resident. "They'd rather die in their homes than die in their cars on some highway."

In the Cayman Islands, tourists were ordered to board shuttle buses for the airport. Hundreds of frantic vacationers lined up at ticket counters for special flights home, and many slept on the airport floor. Cayman Islands Gov. Stuart Jack said all but 1,500 tourists were evacuated from the British territory by Sunday afternoon.

"It's kind of spooky," said George Mitchell, of Detroit, who missed his flight out. "We

don't know what to do or where to go. It freaks you out."

In Mexico, tourists also streamed out of resorts on Yucatan peninsula and formed long lines at the Cancun airport to try to fly home. Twelve empty planes arrived Sunday to move travelers out, said airport spokesman Eduardo Rivadeneira. The state government set up 530 shelters with a capacity of 73,000 people.

Governments in Central America declared themselves on alert for the secondary effects of Dean, whose outer bands were already dumping rain and whipping up surf on their Caribbean coastlines.

In Nicaragua, a 4-year-old girl died when a boat she was on sank Saturday night amid high winds and waves in the Kukra River, El Nuevo Diario newspaper reported Sunday.

The hurricane created massive waves and surges high as 20 feet as it passed the Dominican Republic on Saturday, flooding roads and drowning a boy. At least two people were killed and about 150 homes were destroyed in Haiti, emergency officials said.

President hopes to improve relations with Canada and Mexico

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arrive Monday from his ranch in Crawford, Texas. The summit itself will take place about 50 miles to the east at a luxury resort in Montebello, Quebec, where security is even tighter.

Police in riot gear were stationed outside the summit entrance on Monday afternoon.

The broad theme of the summit is economic prosperity, built around several topics: border security, competitiveness with India and China, product safety and energy solutions.

Bush will also be faced with matters of specific concern to each of the countries.

He will first meet with Harper at Fairmont Le Chateau Montebello, a luxury resort made out of one of the world's largest log cabins.

Bush is sure to thank Harper for Canada's commitment to keeping troops in Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, Harper is frustrated over a U.S. law that tightened passport rules for Canadians visiting the U.S., although Bush has pledged to enforce it and has little leeway.

Harper is also expected to

assert his nation's claim to the fabled Northwest Passage through the resource-rich Arctic.

Competition to control the Arctic has intensified with global warming; Russia sent two small submarines to plant a tiny national flag under the North Pole this month. The U.S. and Norway also have claims.

Bush and Calderon will have their own one-on-one session later Monday.

With them, the messy issue of immigration looms large. The last time these two leaders met, in March in Mexico, Bush was optimistic about getting a new immigration law.

Since then, his plan died in Congress.

So Bush recently issued an executive order meant to tighten border security, streamline guest-worker programs and pressure employers to fire illegal immigrant workers.

The U.S. government has been working on a major aid package to help Calderon fight drug trafficking in Mexico. The deal may be announced in part or in whole at the summit.

The three leaders will join at day's end for dinner, then resume talks Tuesday.

2nd assassination in just over a week kills Iraqi governor

By BUSHRA JUHI
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BAGHDAD (AP) — A roadside bomb killed the governor of the southern Muthanna province on Monday, police said, the second assassination of a top provincial official in just over a week.

The blast struck the convoy carrying Mohammed Ali al-Hassani at about 9 a.m., killing him and three other people, a police officer said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to release the information.

Al-Hassani's office manager and two guards also were seriously wounded, police said.

On Aug. 11, the governor and police chief of another southern province, Qadasiyah, also were killed in a roadside bombing attack.

Both governors were members of the influential Supreme Islamic Iraqi Council, a group led by Shiite politician Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim whose loyalists have been fighting the Mahdi Army militia for control of the oil-rich south.

Muthanna was the first province that was transferred to Iraqi control last year.

Al-Hassani, 52, was from a prominent clan in the area and had been governor for about two years despite several attempts by rivals in the provincial council to sack him.



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FRESHMEN DO'S AND DON'TS

A couple things to make your first year your best year.

BY TIANDREA NORRINGTON | ARTS & LIFE EDITOR

Freshmen Do's

DORM LIFE

- Get cleaning supplies - You never know who was in the room before you.
- Purchase a mattress pad for your bed - May not be your bed from home but at least it can feel like it!
- Collect photos and other memorabilia from home to put around your dorm - This helps to make the transition from home a little bit easier.
- Get to know your roommate - Once you get to know them, this makes living together a breeze!
- Get to know the other residents in your dorm - These will be your neighbors for the next year and it helps to know who they are.

CLASSES

- Be Organized! - College is a lot of work, but it's easier to do it all with a little organization.
- Take every class you have seriously. Even though it may just be a UNST class, you still need all your credits so do the work!
- Get to know at least five of your classmates so that if you are absent you can at least know what you missed.

- Get to know your professor - Learning how your professor works will only help you out in the long run.

- Be on time! - Most teachers have no sympathy for you if you live in Morrow Hall and have to get to McNair, because they had to do it before too!

- The Aggie Shuttles are there for a reason, use them! - A percentage of your tuition pays for the Shuttles so you might as well use them to help you get to those classes on time.

- Join clubs and/or other extra curricular activities on campus - This is a great way to get to know people that may turn into lifelong friends.

NIGHT LIFE

- **For Girls:** Do not bring a purse to the club because it will get lost or simply in the way. Instead, do stuff your pockets with some lip gloss, your single dorm key, a few dollars for water and your Aggie One card. Believe Me!

- **For Boys:** Bring extra money to get in VIP because you will be waiting in the line all night. The lines are long and by the time you get to the front of the line you'll have to pay to get in

anyway, but with a shorter time to party!

- **Party Shuttles:** Do not always trust everybody that says they are supplying transportation to the party. Always have a back-up plan!

IN GENERAL

- Do have a great calling plan on your cell phone - Your cell phone on campus equals your link to the world!

Freshmen Don'ts

DORM LIFE

- Do not start a lot of trouble with your RA - No matter how annoying they may seem, they're just doing their job.

CAMPUS LIFE

- Do not walk over the vibrant plots of the fraternities and sororities on campus - This action is deemed very offensive and disrespectful.

- Do not find yourself spending too much time on "the strip", which is the street in front of the Student Union, especially when you know you have work to do!

- Do not spend all your flex dollars - You only have 50 for the

MORE ADVICE

Freshmen Do's

- If you're in a double, definitely have a policy on when one of you needs to get missing.
- Dudes, keep a plug-in or candle in the room. No girl wants to smell your dirty clothes.
- Keep an extra toothbrush, unopened obviously. (You never know).
- Don't sleep on the library as a source for quality men/women. The club is cool but do you want the club head or a bookworm. Which one do you trust more?

Freshmen Don'ts

- Talk to girls/guys on the same floor in the same dorm. The same goes for people from the same city if you ask me. If you want to play the field play wisely, cover all bases.
- Wear that race car jacket or slouch socks. You're in college, retire the high school gear people.

- Mike McCray

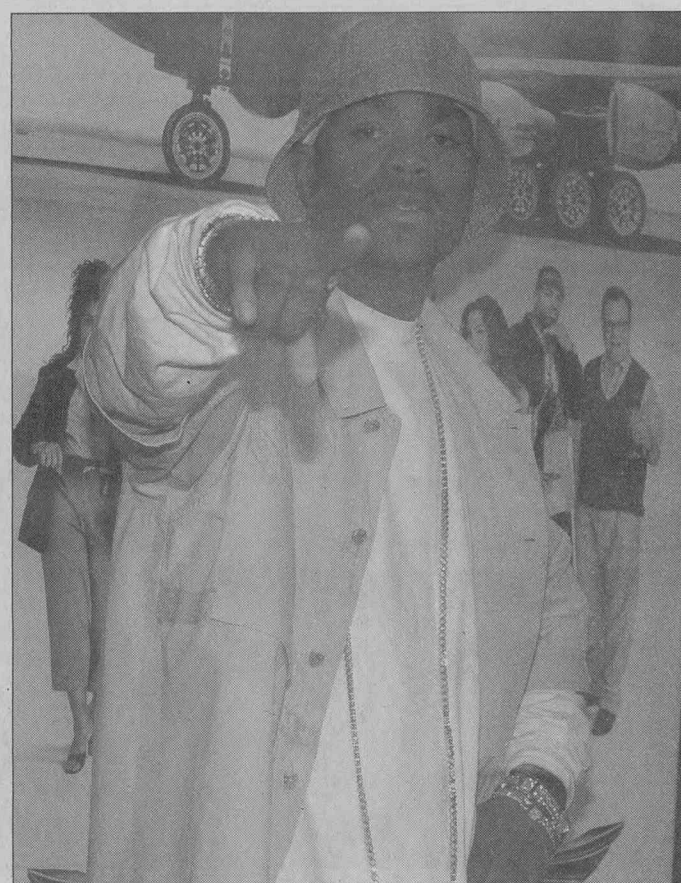


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Professor Method Man?

ASSOCIATED PRESS
AP NEWS WIRE

NEW YORK — Method Man is going back to school.

As part of a plea deal reached following a marijuana arrest earlier this year, the hip-hop star was ordered to visit 15 city high schools to warn students about the dangers of drugs.

The former Wu-Tang Clan member, whose real name is Clifford Smith, "is thrilled to do it," defense attorney Peter Frankel said Friday. "He's never been in trouble before.

He's not a stereotypical rapper."

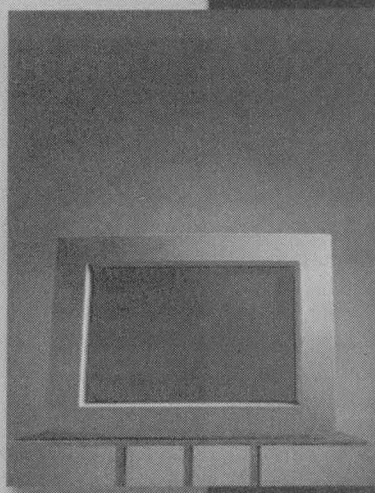
Smith, 36, was arrested on May 17 after toll-booth workers on the Brooklyn side of the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel reported smelling marijuana smoke coming from his sport utility vehicle. He was charged with driving under the influence of drugs and drug possession after police said they found marijuana inside the SUV.

Prosecutors knocked the drug charges down to disorderly conduct as part of the plea deal.

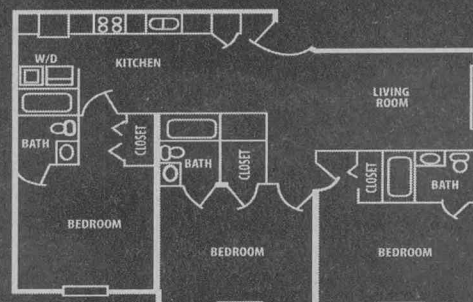
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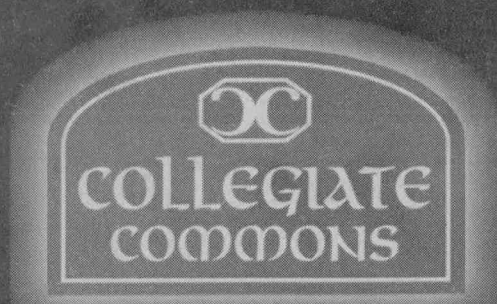


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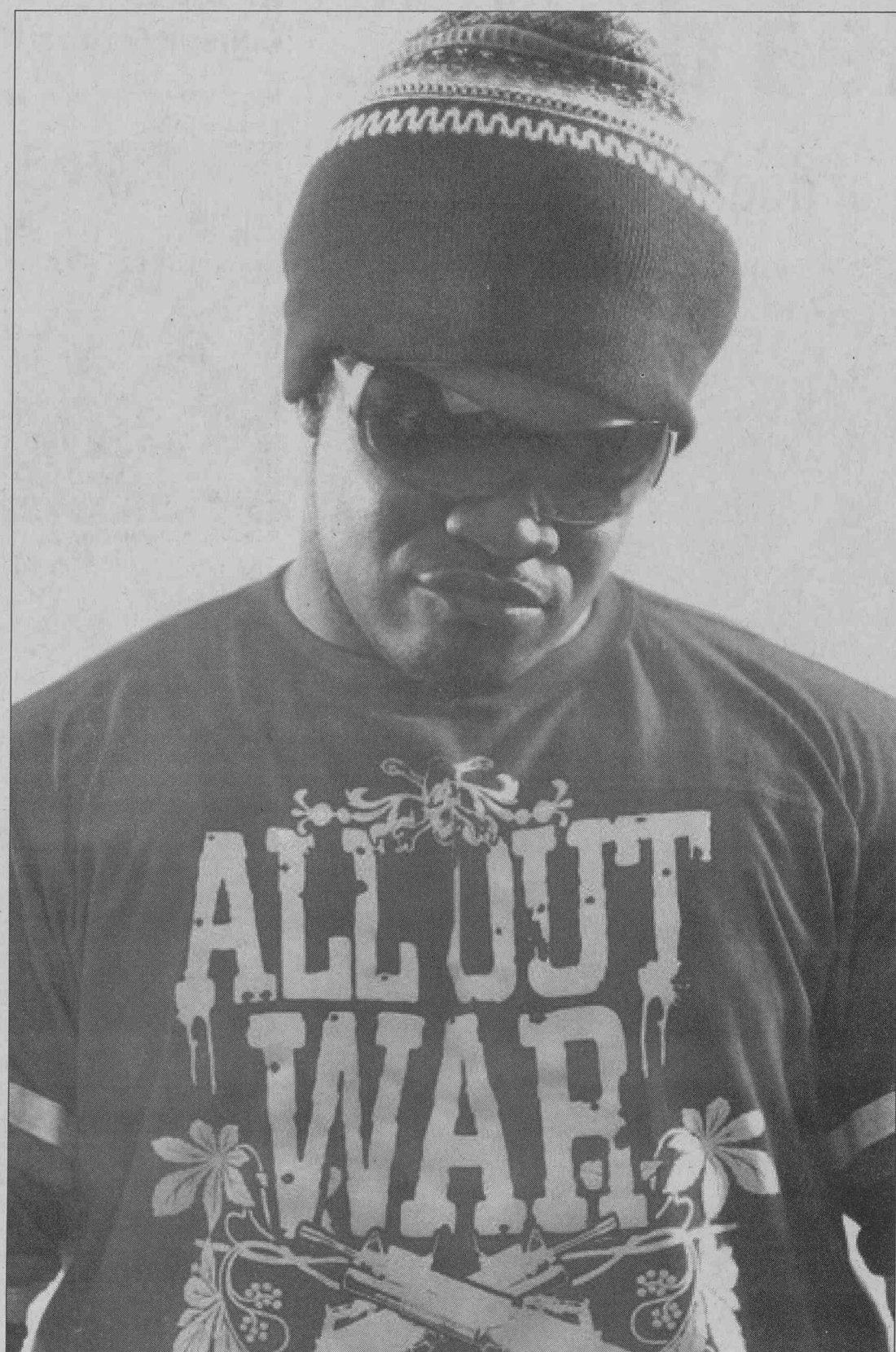
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Hip hop, you've been warned!

Rapper NYOIL is putting the game on notice

By AASIYA TOWNSELL
NEWS EDITOR

New York rapper NYOIL is out to bring hip hop back to its roots. The way he sees it, hip hop is now being used as a disposable product.

Unlike some of his counterparts, NYOIL is determined to do his music with a purpose to restore the dignity back into black people and remind them of whom they truly are.

"We go to war for that black gold," says the Staten Island native. "I am going to war for the black gold in our communities, the black man, woman and child."

Growing up in the shadow of New York City, he got a true feel for the culture of the inner city life. He remembers seeing groups of young people playing games and being productive. Now he sees groups of young people throwing dice and smoking weed, which is his inspiration to rap.

NYOIL, whose name stands for New York and oil meaning "black gold," hopes to help change the mindsets of urban youth, explaining that his music speaks to those who are tired of feeling trapped in their own communities and tired of being looked down upon for doing the

right thing. He also raps for people who are tired of being told what they should like, what's hot and who the next dude is, based on numerous record sells.

Positive change is what drives every lyric he spits. His music is solely for people who want to hear rap that speaks to them on an intellectual level and spark great ideas in the minds of the youth to bring about a better future. The rapper is active in his community, working with various organizations that provide entertainment and educational programs to kids.

So does NYOIL buy into Nas' theory that hip hop is dead? Just the corporate aspect.

The "Corporate Culture" is a term he came up with that seems to fit his idea of tainted hip hop. This "corporate culture" supposedly thrives on by deprecating the value of a property then buying the property once it is at the lowest cost point, like hip hop is now.

Radio stations were once banning rap, putting labels on the records and devaluing the product until corporations picked up on it. Now almost every radio station plays hip-hop, but according to him what we hear is corporate rap and not the real thing.

"If we get 100 emcees that

start making MUSIC and stop making ring-tone raps, that would be a much better time for hip hop" says NYOIL.

Best known for his controversial track "Ya'll Should All Get Lynched," a song deliberately based on the disappointment of popular rap artists putting out a negative display of hip hop culture, he is attacking emcees that are swimming briskly in the pool of hip-hop propaganda.

Although he hopes to uplift the people with his lyrical content, he is unapologetic when it comes to the artists he was speaking out against in "Ya'll Should All Get Lynched."

"I just have no pity nor the inclination to redeem these cats," says NYOIL. "Those of you that are out here perpetuating this filth, be on notice."

His conscious lyricism and determination to do positive music for the masses is a glimpse of what's to come in the future of hip hop. The rap game is bound to return back to its rawness and originality, the thing that made people fall in love with the craft in the first place.

NYOIL's new album "Hood Treason" is available on Amazon, Napster, E-Music, Rhapsody and MusicStore. Also check out him out on MySpace (myspace.com/nyoil).

Superbad is super funny, seriously

By CHRISTY LEMIRE
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"Superbad" has been so super-ubiquitous, it only feels like it's already been in theaters for months.

Between the posters, TV commercials and promotional appearances by its stars, the hype machine has been in full force. Just ask anyone under 25 who McLovin is, they'll immediately be able to tell you.

And the association with "Knocked Up," one of the summer's biggest hits and one of the best comedies in a while, certainly doesn't hurt.

Judd Apatow, who wrote and directed that film, serves as producer here; Seth Rogen, its star, co-wrote the "Superbad" script and has a supporting role as a hilariously inept police officer.

But "Knocked Up" is a hard act to follow, so the smartest thing you can do for yourself walking into "Superbad" is lower your expectations. It has all the laughs of its predecessor but only about half the heart.

Still, co-stars Jonah Hill and Michael Cera are pretty irresistible together as high school best friends on a quest for alcohol, which they hope will help them hook up with girls at a big party before they graduate.

The sweetness and awkwardness of their freakishly co-dependent relationship is totally believable, and their personalities and comic styles complement each other beautifully.

Not a moment between them feels false in the script from Rogen and Evan Goldberg, themselves best friends since high school who based the movie on

their own adolescent angst.

But Christopher Mintz-Plasse, as an even geekier kid who gets a fake ID with the one-word name McLovin, pretty much steals the whole thing in his first film.

Initially you think he's going to be a minor figure, a guy who floats in and out, gets tooled on for laughs and then leaves. But similar to the respectful treatment Steve Carell received in Apatow's "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," Mintz-Plasse's scrawny, bespectacled Fogell has a rich, full experience all his own, much more so than other characters in the movie who kid themselves by thinking they're higher up on the food chain.

Director Greg Mottola is visiting familiar territory here, the high school hijinks movie has been a staple from "American Graffiti" to "American Pie," but everyone is relatable and the situations rarely feel strained, which makes "Superbad" a cut above most.

Taking place over the course of a day, the film follows the misadventures of Seth (Hill) and Evan (Cera), named for the screenwriters who inspired them, the closest of pals since childhood who are about to leave each other for the first time to attend separate colleges. They're both trying not to freak out about this; actually, they struggle to keep themselves from talking about it.

So instead they throw all their energy into figuring out a way to buy alcohol for a big bash at the home of pretty, popular Jules (Emma Stone), whose parents are out of town in classic teen-movie fashion.

More than a bit nerdy, these guys are just psyched to have been invited, even if it's only for their supposed booze-buying ability.

Seth, the tubby, profane trash-talker of the two, is desperate to lose his virginity before heading off to college and hopes his newfound connection with cool-girl Jules will do the trick. Up-and-coming comic actor Hill has a great energy about him and he's had a solid few years as a regular member of Apatow's troop; he was the best part of the watered-down "Evan Almighty."

Evan, meanwhile, is skinnier and kinder, more thoughtful and more timid. He's had a longtime crush on classmate Becca (Martha MacIsaac), a girl who's nice enough to give him the time of day, unlike most, and who might have a secret crush on him, too. Cera is probably best known for playing the lovably goofy George-Michael Bluth on the sadly defunct sitcom "Arrested Development."

Here, his self-conscious starts and stops reveal more than a few glimmers of his TV character, and while he's funny and extremely likable in that mode, he also makes you want to see what else he can do.

But while Seth and Evan fumble toward inebriation, it's the unlikely Fogell, the guy with the cheesy ID, who has the greatest adventure of all. We won't give away the details, though you probably already know what happens, since awareness of all things "Superbad" is so high. We'll just say that McLovin turns out to be the baddest mutha by far.



SUPERBAD a Columbia Pictures release, is rated R for pervasive crude and sexual content, strong language, drinking, some drug use and a fantasy/comic violent image, all involving teens.

Running time: 114 minutes. Three stars out of four. ★ ★ ★

PRESS PLAY

Talib Kweli & Norah Jones
"Soon The New Day"

It would be a good idea to press play on the entire Eardrum album, which hit stores Tuesday but this track stands out to me. A curious combination that just comes out so soulful. Definitely some chill in the room and do some studying kind of vibe. Don't sleep on "The Nature" with Justin Timberlake either.

PRESS PAUSE

Hurricane Chris
"A Bay Bay"

Don't get me wrong, this was my ignorant song of choice this summer. Lots of female friends recieved "A Bay Bay" texts from me but you have to wonder when the dude who is in the DJ booth taking pictures with the DJ's 15 minutes of fame will be over. Put your shoes on! It's time for you to do what the Shop Boyz did after their one hit, disappear.

- Mike McCray

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Vick accepts plea deal

Star quarterback agrees to plead guilty of dogfighting charges

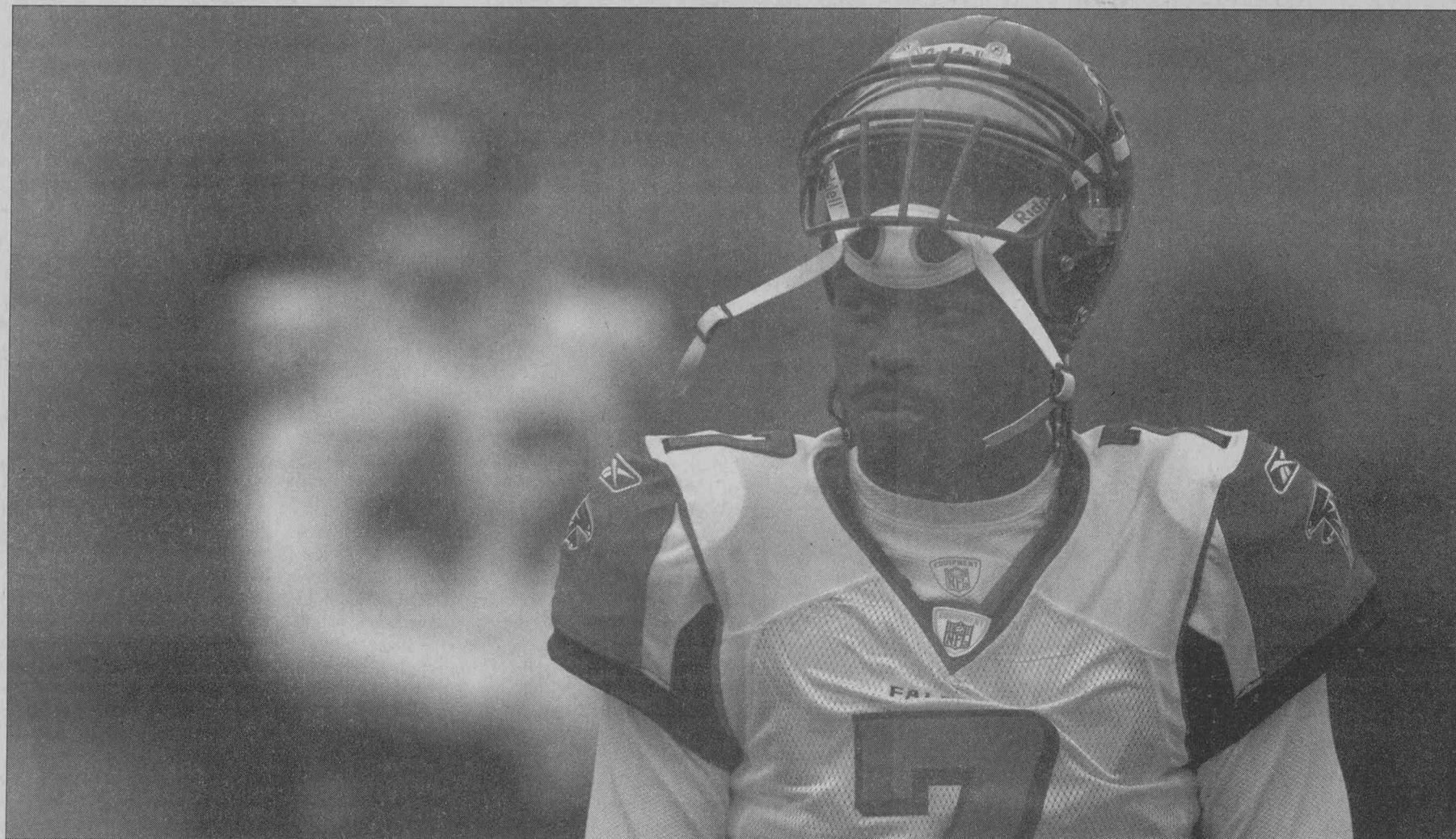


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By LARRY O'DELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

RICHMOND, Va. — More than football, Michael Vick's freedom is the question now.

With three associates prepared to testify that he brutally executed dogs and bankrolled gambling, the NFL star agreed Monday to "accept full responsibility" for his role in a dogfighting ring and plead guilty to federal conspiracy charges.

Worries about playing time will have to wait while Vick faces prison time, from one to five years.

The maximum term is five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine, although federal sentencing guidelines likely would call for less. Defense attorneys would not divulge details of the plea agreement or how much time Vick can expect to serve.

However, a government official, speaking on condition of anonymity because the terms are not final, told The Associated Press that prosecutors will recommend a sentence of a year to 18 months.

The official said such a sentence would be more than what is usually recommended for first-time offenders, reflecting the government's attempt to show that animal abusers will receive more than a slap on the wrist. U.S. District Judge Henry Hudson is not bound by prosecutors' recommendations or the sentencing guidelines and will have the final say.

Twenty-five days after he declared that he looked forward to clearing his name, Vick said through defense lawyer Billy Martin that he will plead guilty. A hearing is scheduled for Aug. 27.

"Mr. Vick has agreed to enter a plea of guilty to those charges and to accept full responsibility for his actions and the mistakes he has made," Martin said in a statement. "Michael wishes to apologize again to everyone who has been hurt by this matter."

The NFL noted in a statement that the Atlanta Falcons

quarterback's admission wasn't in line with what he told commissioner Roger Goodell shortly after being charged.

"We totally condemn the conduct outlined in the charges, which is inconsistent with what Michael Vick previously told both our office and the Falcons," the NFL said.

The league, which barred Vick from training camp, said it has asked the Falcons to withhold further action while the NFL's own investigation wraps up.

The Falcons said they were "certainly troubled" by news of the plea, but would withhold further comment in compliance with Goodell's request.

Gene Upshaw, executive director of the NFL Players Association, said in a statement:

"We believe the criminal conduct to which Mr. Vick has pled guilty today cannot be condoned under any circumstances. Speaking personally, as I have previously stated, the practice of dog fighting is offensive and completely unacceptable. I can only hope that Mr. Vick, who is young man, will learn from this awful experience."

In a telephone interview with the AP, Martin said Vick is paying a high price for allowing old friends to influence his behavior, but he emphasized that his client takes full responsibility.

"There were some judgment issues in terms of people he was associating with," Martin said. "He realized this is very serious, and he decided to plead so he can begin the healing process."

The lawyer said salvaging Vick's NFL career was never part of the discussions.

"Football is not the most important thing in Michael Vick's life," Martin said. "He wants to get his life back on track."

Another defense attorney, James D. "Butch" Williams Jr., alluded to the harsh public backlash against Vick since the July 17 indictment detailed the abuse of dogs on Vick's property in Surry County, Va.

"Michael is a father, he's a son, he's a human being, people oftentimes forget that," he said, adding that Vick is "very remorseful."

"Nobody's been rougher on Mike than Mike's been on himself," Williams said.

Animal-rights activists said they hoped the high-profile case would increase public awareness and help bring down other dogfighting rings.

"The only good that can come from this case is that the American people dedicate themselves to the task of rooting out dogfighting in every infected area where it thrives," said Wayne Pacelle, president and CEO of the Humane Society of the United States.

The plea deal was announced just as a new grand jury began meeting. Prosecutors had said that a superseding indictment was in the works, but Vick's plea most likely means he will not face new charges on top of the original: conspiracy to travel in interstate commerce in aid of unlawful activities and conspiracy to sponsor a dog in an animal fighting venture.

Three of Vick's original co-defendants already had pleaded guilty and agreed to testify against him if the case went to trial. Quanis Phillips of Atlanta and Purnell Peace of Virginia Beach signed statements saying Vick participated in executing at least eight underperforming dogs by various means, including drowning and hanging.

Phillips, Peace and Tony Taylor, who pleaded guilty last month, also said Vick provided virtually all of the gambling and operating funds for his "Bad Newz Kennels" operation in rural Virginia, not far from Vick's hometown of Newport News.

The gambling allegations alone could trigger a lifetime ban under the NFL's personal conduct policy.

Vick's Atlanta attorney, Daniel Meachum, told the AP that Vick is taking a chance with his guilty plea as far as his career is concerned because

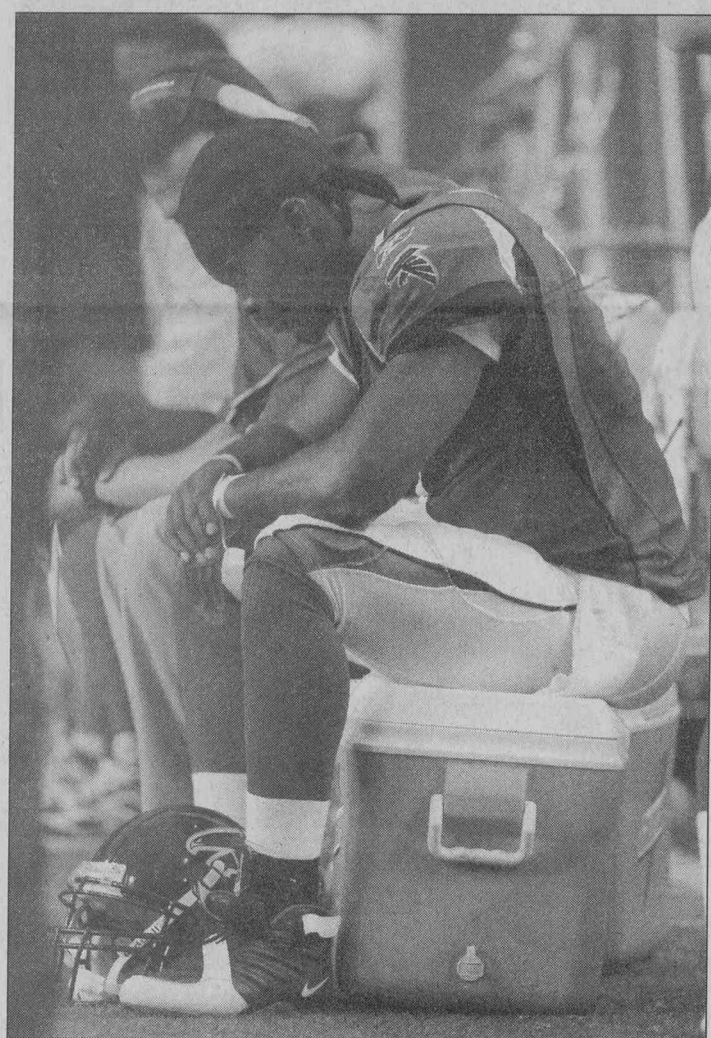


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MICHAEL VICK has went from a elite quarterback to the face of animal cruelty in America. His fall from grace will be a cautionary tale for future athletes who are involved in questionable activities off the field.

there have been no discussions with the league in recent days.

"There's no promise or even a request of the league to make a promise," Meachum said.

He said the plea deal involves only the federal case and that he didn't know if there had been any discussions about resolving state charges that may still be filed.

The case began April 25 when investigators conducting a drug search at a massive home Vick built in Surry County found 66 dogs, some of them injured, and items typically used in dogfighting.

They included a "rape stand" that holds aggressive dogs in place for mating and a "break-

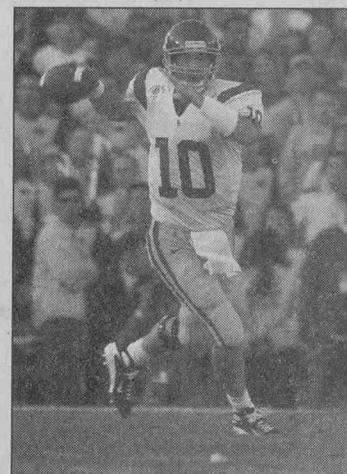
stick" used to pry open a dog's mouth.

Vick contended he knew nothing about a dogfighting operation at the home, where one of his cousins lived, and said he rarely visited. The former Virginia Tech star also blamed friends and family members for taking advantage of his generosity and pledged to be more scrupulous.

The July 17 indictment said dogs that lost fights or fared poorly in test fights were sometimes executed by hanging, electrocution or other brutal means. The grisly details fueled public protests against Vick and cost him some of his lucrative endorsement deals.

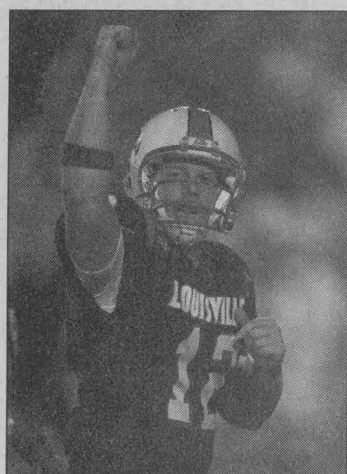
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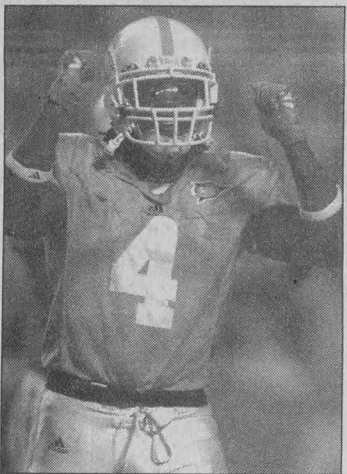
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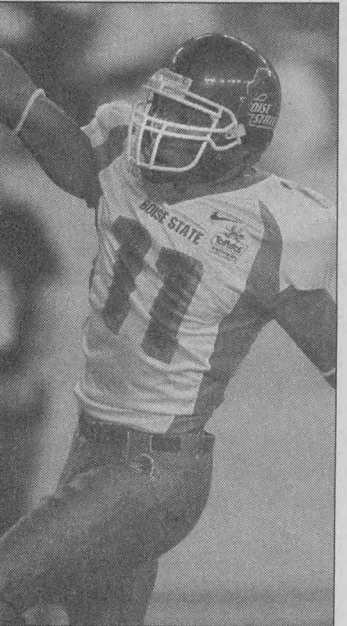
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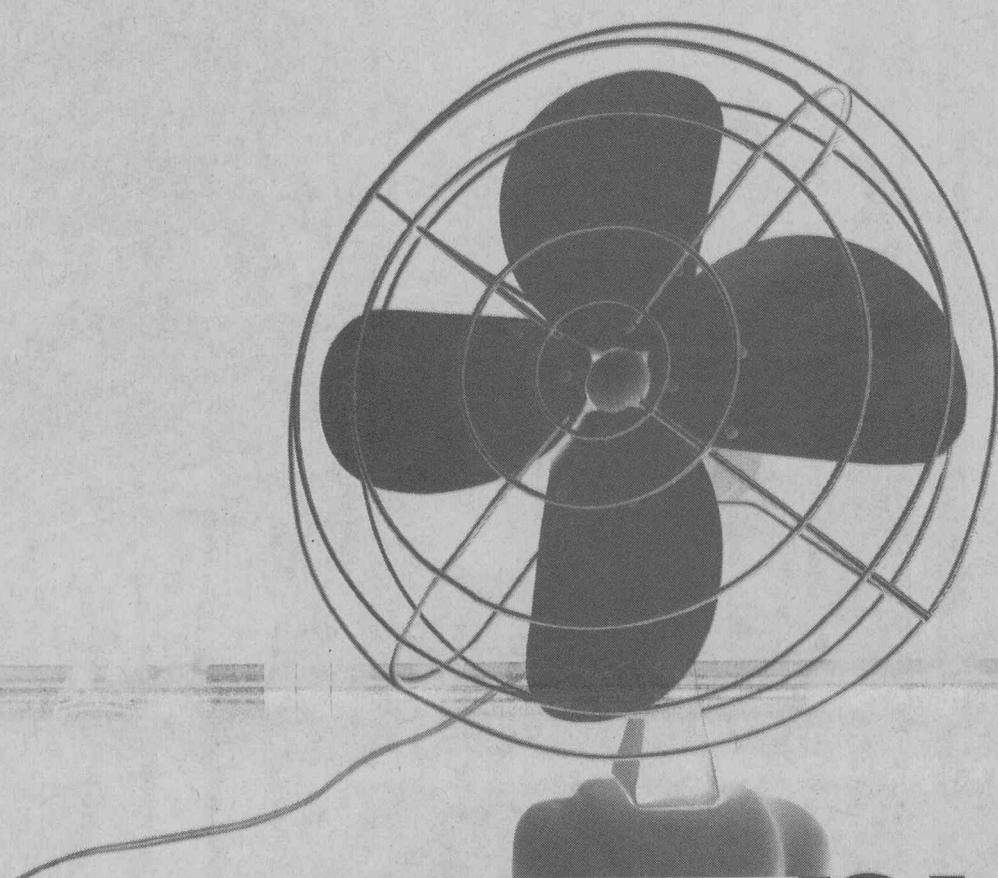
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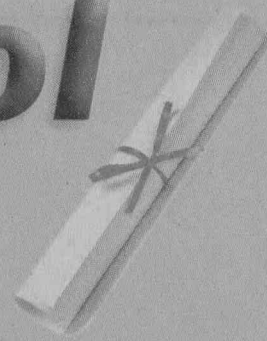
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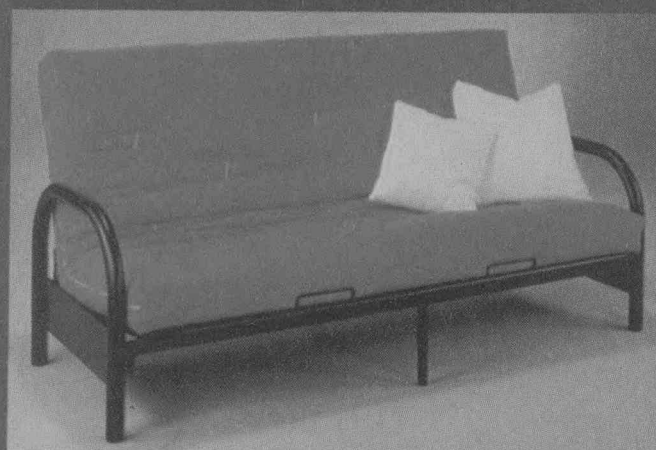
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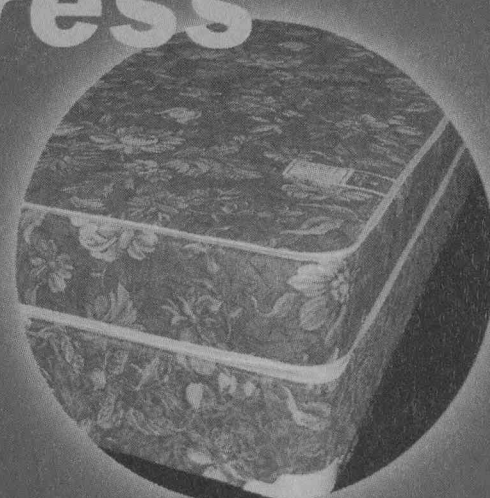
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